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Dear Professor Goldschmidt:

Thank you for your appreciative remarks. Writing the review was an education for me, and I hope I have not confused too many details. It is obvious that our thinking about cytoplasmic heredity, and from this, the identity of the organism needs to be drastically reconsidered in the light of working following Buchner's. I had not realized he was your former student; I was equally surprised earlier to learn that Schrader had worked on the subject 30 years ago: I cannot remember that he had ever mentioned it at Columbia. The publishers have just sent me an announcement of Buchner's book, and I am looking forward to seeing it. It might be a useful service if it were translated into English: perhaps Steinhaus could be persuaded.

I regret to give you sad tidings about Huskins. His wife died some few weeks ago, and to add to his burdens he has suffered a heart attack, and will be hospitalized several weeks. I have not been allowed to see him, but understand he is doing rather better now.

Yours truly,

Joshua Lederberg